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Bristol Bay in the News: Week of April 22, 2011

Dateline: London. Alaskans got international attention as they confronted mining conglomerate Anglo American and its investors over the proposed Pebble Mine at the company's shareholder meeting in London. Cynthia Carroll, CEO of Anglo American (which owns 50% of the Pebble Limited Partnership), agreed to meet with representatives of Bristol Bay, including Alaskan Natives and commercial fishers. Coverage followed at a number of high profile outlets, including The Guardian and Dow Jones.

Back across the pond, a new study notes steeply declining salmon runs from Alaska to Washington state over the last 50 years. The drop has been particularly sharp in Canada's Fraser River. One of two exceptions to this depressing trend is Bristol Bay – where salmon are thriving.

The people of Alaska continue to voice their opposition to the proposed mine through letters to the editor. And, Alaskan author Dave Atcheson shares the beauty of Alaska and Bristol Bay with his book Hidden Alaska: Bristol Bay and Beyond, covered in the Peninsula Clarion this week.

From small, rural newspapers to international wire services, Bristol Bay's story is traveling far and wide.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Letter: Coalition to save Bristol Bay, Alaska

The Guardian

We write on the day of Anglo American's shareholder meeting to register deep concerns about the proposed open-cast, gold and copper Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska. We are unusual bedfellows, including Alaska Native leaders, the director of Bristol Bay's largest commercial fishing group, royal jewelers, fisheries conservationists and keen anglers... Click here to read more

As Companies Gather for Shareholder Meetings, Opposition to Bristol Bay Mine Mounts

Robert Redford

Huffington Post, On Earth blog

I'm not against mining. I am against putting mega-mines where they don't belong. Near my home in Utah, Rio Tinto's massive Bingham Canyon Mine is one of the biggest man-made excavations on Earth and has rendered a large area of local groundwater too polluted for human consumption... Click here to read more

Anglo American CEO to Meet with Alaska Group over Pebble Project

Dow Jones

Automated Trader and NASDAQ

LONDON -(Dow Jones)- A delegation of Alaska Native leaders and the director of a large commercial fishing fleet are due to meet with Anglo American PLC (AAUKY, AAL.LN) Chief Executive Cynthia Carroll and Chairman John Parker Wednesday to voice their concerns about the construction of a large Alaskan gold and copper mine... Click here to read more

Alaska gold mine plans 'too risky' UKPA Press Association

Plans by a London-based mining company for a massive gold and copper mine in Alaska are "too risky" for the environment, local communities have warned. Native American and community representatives are in London for Anglo-American's AGM this week to oppose proposals for a open pit mine in the Bristol Bay watershed which they say threatens the world's most valuable wild sockeye salmon fishery... Click here to read more

Alaskans head for AGM to say no to mine

The Independent (LONDON)

A coalition of Alaskans will attend Anglo American's AGM next Thursday to protest about the proposed Pebble mine on Alaska's Bristol Bay... Click here to read more

Northern Dynasty looks to sell Pebble stake

By Andrew Jensen

Alaska Journal of Commerce

One half of the Pebble Limited Partnership is looking to sell.

The CEO of Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. told Bloomberg News March 8 it expects to divest its 50 percent stake in the Pebble mine prospect "anytime later this year or next year."

"I could see it being either one of the diversified majors singly or a partnership of a major mining company and perhaps an Asian metals trading-slash-smelting company, like a Mitsubishi, Mitsui or Sumitomo, or even one of the Chinese groups," Northern Dynasty CEO Ron Thiessen told Bloomberg... Click here to read more

Mega-star Robert Redford opposed to Alaska mine

**Associated Press** 

Appeared in The Washington Post, Daily Journal, Newser

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Call it the fight between the mega-mine and the mega-star.

Hollywood star Robert Redford is speaking out against the Pebble Mine, a huge copper and gold deposit poised for development in southwest Alaska, which also hosts the world's last and best wild salmon streams... Click here to read more

Fraser salmon collapse part of much larger decline study finds

Mark Hume

The Globe and Mail (Canada)

The shocking collapse of sockeye stocks in the Fraser River in 2009 was not an isolated event, but was part of a long downward trend in salmon productivity spread over a large area, from Alaska to Washington State, a new scientific study concludes... Click here to read more

Alaska's inner beauty: Local author's book explores people and place

Brielle Schaeffer

Peninsula Clarion

In Alaska, politics are often intertwined with place. The magnetism that draws people north can also polarize them. Besides Alaska's picturesque beauty, that dynamic is what fascinates Dave Atcheson about the 49th state, and part of what he tried to capture in the book "Hidden Alaska: Bristol Bay and Beyond" that he wrote for National Geographic Books published Feb. 15... Click here to read more

Letter to the Editor: Let Begich know Pebble concerns

Michael J. Friccero, Kodiak

Kodiak Daily Mirror and Anchorage Daily News

To the editor:

During our recent ComFish trade show I had the opportunity to visit the Renewable Resources Coalition booth. While I was there I had the opportunity to meet and speak with Sen. Begich on his tour through the show. As a 30-year Bristol Bay salmon fisherman, my concerns addressed the proposed Pebble Mine project... Click to read more

Letter to Editor: Begich Q&A highlight at ComFish

Jeff Fisher

Kodiak Daily Mirror

To the editor:

Organizers and sponsors of this year's ComFish are deserving of credit for the excellent program offered this past week in Kodiak, which for me was one of the most worthwhile I've attended... Click here to read more

Improved Handling Practices noted for Bristol Bay Salmon

Margaret Bauman

**Bristol Bay Times** 

Remember that fish at the bottom of the brailer, the last choice on anyone's dinner menu?

Not any more, says Mark Buckley, a veteran commercial fish harvester, turned researcher and writer, in a new report card on the Bristol Bay sockeye salmon fishery... Click here to read more

Borough approves application for mining initiative Bristol Bay Times Click here to read

Rio Tinto Shareholders Face Pressure on Pebble Mine Joel Reynolds, NRDC Switchboard: Natural Resources Defense Council Blog Click here to read

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